APPENDIX A

In an exemplary embodiment, a sync version message comprises on or more of the following fields:

- isRequest indicates whether a SyncMessage is a request message or a response message.
- messageId a unique id of a SyncMessage. The message id is unique among request messages. Generally, a response message has the same message id as the request message it responds to.
- clientURL the initiating ObjectStore URL. This field is used by a
 request message originating from an initiating ObjectStore. It specifies
 in the first request message from an initiating ObjectStore to a
 responding ObjectStore in a data synchronization process.
- serverURL the responding ObjectStore URL. This field is used by a request message originating from an initiating ObjectStore. It specifies in the first request message from an initiating ObjectStore to a responding ObjectStore in a data synchronization process.
- generateUpdateTypes the update types which the ObjectStore originating the message can produce. An update usually contains an application object along with the meta objects associated with it.
- applyUpdateTypes the update types which the ObjectStore originating the message can accept.
- storeInterfaces the type of the ObjectStore originating the message.
- storesyncVersionType the type of the SyncVersion associated with the ObjectStore originating the message.
- objectSyncVersionType the type of SyncVersion associated with individual objects in the ObjectStore originating the message.
- syncFilter the subset filter that defines the set of application objects acceptable to the ObjectStore originating the message.
- usableEncodingMethods the standard data encoding (encrypting or compressing) methods which the ObjectStore originating the message supports.
- dataEncodingMethod the standard data encoding (encrypting or compressing) method which the ObjectStore originating the message used to encode the update data enclosed in the message.
- userName the user name of the initiating ObjectStore. This field is
 used by a response message origination from an initiating ObjectStore.
- password the user password of the initiating ObjectStore. This field is
 used by a response message origination from an initiating ObjectStore.
- totalNumberOfSync UpdatesSent the total number of updates enclosed in the message.
- totalNumberOfSyncUpdatesReceived the total number of updates received by the ObjectStore originating the message in the last message from the remote ObjectStore.
- totalBytesOfSyncUpdatesSent the total size in byte of the update data enclosed in the message.

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- 18. toealBytesOfSyncUpdatesReceived the total size in byte of the update data received by the ObjectStore originating the message in the last message from the remote ObjectStore before the update data is decoded.
- 19. symcUpdates the update data in order. Each update contains an object and its associated meta objects to be compared and merged with its replica object in the ObjectStore receiving the message.
- store Version the SyncVersion of the ObjectStore originating the message.
- statusCode the status code indicating whether the ObjectStore
 originating the message succeeded or failed to respond to a request
 message. This field is used by a response message.
- statusDescription the human-readable description for a succeeded or failed request processing. This field is used only for a response message.
- 23. isAskedForGenerateUpdateTypes the flag that indicates whether the ObjectStore originating the message is asking the ObjectStore receiving the message to send the update types it can produce. This field is used by a request message.
- 24. isAskedForApplyUpdateTypes the flag that indicates whether the ObjectStore originating the message is asking the ObjectStore receiving the message to send update types it can accept. This field is used by a request message.
- 25. isAskedForStoreInterfaces the flag that indicates whether the ObjectStore originating the message is asking the ObjectStore receiving the message to send its ObjectStore type. This field is used by a request message.
- 26. isAskedForUserNarneAndPassword the flag that indicates whether the ObjectStore originating the message is asking the ObjectStore receiving the message to send its user name and password for authentication. This field is used by a request message originating from a responding ObjectStore.
- isAskedForTotalNumberOfSyncUpdatesSent the flag that indicates
 whether the ObjectStore originating the message is asking the
 ObjectStore receiving the message to send the total number of updates
 it can send. This field is used by a request message.
- 28. isAskedForTotalNumberOfSyncUpdatesReceived the flag that indicates whether the ObjectStore originating the message is asking the ObjectStore receiving the message to send the total number of updates it received from the message.
- 29. isAskedForTotalBytesOfSyncUpdatesSent the flag that indicates whether the ObjectStore originating the message is asking the ObjectStore receiving the message to send the total size in byte of the it can send. This field is used by a request message.
- isAskedForTotalBytesOfSiyncUpdatesReceived the flag that indicates whether the ObjectStore originating the message is asking the

- ObjectStore receiving the message to send the total size in byte of the updates it received from the message.
- 31. isAskeForSyncUpdates the flag that indicates whether the ObjectStore originating the message is asking the ObjectStore receiving the message to send the updates it can produce. This field is used by a request message originating from an initiating ObjectStore.
- 32. isAskedEorStore Version the flag that indicates whether the ObjectStore originating the message is asking the ObjectStore receiving the message to send the Sync Version associated with it.
- 33. isAskadForSyncFilter the flag that indicates whether the ObjectStore originating the message is asking the ObjectStore receiving the message to send the subset filter defined on it.
- 34. isLastRequest the flag that indicates whether the message will be the last request from the initiating ObjectStore. This field is used by a request message originating from an initiating ObjectStore.
- hasMoreSyncUpdates the flag that indicates whether the ObjectStore
 originating the message has more updates to send. This field is used by
 a response message.